Oversight and Government Reform Committee Markup Summary – 3-20-13

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform met in open session to consider:

1. H.R. 249 (Chaffetz), the Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2013.

Rep. Speier offered an amendment to change the definition of "seriously delinquent tax debt." She later withdrew the amendment.

H.R. 249 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

2. H.R. 882 (Chaffetz), the Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013.

H.R. 882 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

3. H.R. 313 (Emerson/Farenthold), the Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013.

Rep. Farenthold offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

Rep. Clay offered an amendment to the Farenthold ANS expanding on the international conference rule to allow the head of an agency to grant a waiver in some circumstances. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Rep. Clay offered an amendment to the Farenthold ANS exempting the public disclosure requirements for materials used at a conference, as well as providing a detailed breakdown of expenses unless the total cost in either instance exceeded more than \$50,000. Ch. Issa asked unanimous consent to strike any exemption for producing materials, and to change "\$50,000" to "\$10,000." There was no objection. The Clay amendment (as modified by the Issa U.C.) was agreed to by voice vote.

Rep. Pocan offered an amendment to the Farenthold ANS to modify the language regarding annual travel expense limits. He later withdrew the amendment.

The Farenthold ANS, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 313, as amended, was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

4. H.R. 328 (Chaffetz), the Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2013.

H.R. 328 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

5. H.R. 1163 (Issa), the Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013.

H.R. 1163 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

6. H.R. 1232 (Issa), the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act.

H.R. 1232 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

7. H.R. 1211 (Issa), the FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2013.

Rep. Turner offered an amendment to add a section at the end of the bill – "Sec. 4. Applicability of FOIA." He later withdrew the amendment.

Rep. Duckworth offered an amendment which added language regarding duplication fees. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Rep. Turner offered an amendment which expanded on the requirements of the Government Accountability Office with regard to section 552 of title 5 of the U.S. Code. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Rep. Mica offered an amendment to add a section to the end of the bill to require each agency's Office of Inspector General to review FOIA compliance – "Sec. 4. Inspector General Review; Adverse Actions." The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1211, as amended, was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

8. H.R. 1162 (Issa), the Government Accountability Office Improvement Act.

H.R. 1162 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

9. H.R. 1133 (Duncan), the Presidential Library Donation Reform Act.

H.R. 1133 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

10. H.R. 1104 (Clay), the Federal Advisory Committee Reform Act.

H.R. 1104 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

11. H.R. 1246 (Norton), the DC CFO Vacancy Act.

H.R. 1246 was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

12. H.R. 1233 (Cummings), Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2013.

Ch. Issa offered an amendment which added language regarding disclosure requirements for personal email use regarding government business. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1233, as amended, was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

13. H.R. 1234 (Cummings), the Electronic Message Preservation Act.

Ch. Issa offered an amendment which added language regarding disclosure requirements for personal email use regarding government business. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1234, as amended, was reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.